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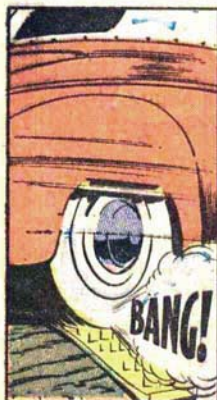
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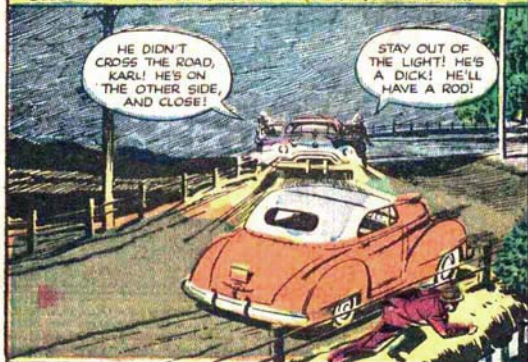
I WAS DRIVING LIKE MAD ON THE ROAD TO MYATTEVILLE BEFORE I TOOK TIME TO THINK! A PRIVATE-EYE HAS TO MAKE SPLIT-SECOND DECISIONS, AND THAT VOICE CALLING FOR HELP OVER THE PHONE HAD BEEN DESPERATE! HOPELESS! WELL, MAYBE NOT QUITE HOPELESS, BUT AS THOUGH I WERE THE LAST HOPE! A WOMAN'S VOICE, SOFT, MUSKY FROM FRIGHT—SUSAN BOYLE! I GOT HER NAME AND LOCATION! SHE SCREAMED AND THE CALL WAS CUT OFF...AND THAT NAME RANG A BELL SOMEWHERE IN MY MIND! WENDY WANTED ME TO CALL THE POLICE, BUT I KNEW A POLICE ALARM MIGHT COST HER LIFE...UNLESS THE WHOLE THING WAS A TRAP! NOW WATCHING A LONE CAR ON THE ROAD AHEAD, MILE AFTER MILE, MADE ME WONDER...



ONE MINUTE I WAS WATCHING THE CAR... THE NEXT IT HAD DISAPPEARED! I HIT A DOWN GRADE AND SUDDENLY I WAS IN A BANK OF FOG...



I DIDN'T NOTICE THE OTHER CAR COMING BACK! IT WAS ROLLING WITHOUT LIGHTS, UNTIL IT STOPPED NEARBY AND ITS HEADLIGHTS SUDDENLY FLASHED OVER MY CAR! I DID A QUICK SNEAK...



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WHEN THEY HAD LEFT AND I STARTED TO TURN AWAY, MY ARM TOUCHED FLESH—COLD FLESH! I SWUNG AROUND TO CONFRONT—NOT A SCARECROW BUT A CORPSE! A

THEY DIDN'T STOP TO LOOK AT THIS! THEY KNEW IT WAS HERE!



A FEW MINUTES LATER, STEALTHILY RUNNING AND DUCKING, I MADE THE DOOR OF THE FARMHOUSE...

SORRY TO BOTHER YOU, BUT MY CAR'S STALLED! MAY I USE YOUR PHONE?



WHY, YES—I SUPPOSE SO! COME IN...



HELLO! HELLO! ISN'T THIS CHIP GARDNER'S OFFICE?



YEAH! CHIP GARDNER SPEAKING! WHO'S THIS?

THAT BROUGHT ME UP SHORT! IT WAS THE FIRST INTIMATION I HAD THAT WENDY, TOO, WAS IN TROUBLE! INSTINCTIVELY I PLAYED ALONG WITH THE IMPOSTER AT THE OTHER END...



HOW ARE YOU, CHIP? THIS IS RAY! IS WENDY THERE? WE HAD A DATE BUT SHE DIDN'T SHOW!

SURE—WORKING LATE! JUST A MINUTE!

WENDY CAUGHT ON QUICKLY! SHE CALLED ME "RAY" AND APOLOGIZED FOR BEING LATE! BUT THE COLD SWEAT OF FEAR WAS BREAKING OUT ALL OVER ME! WHAT NEXT? I DIALED LIEUTENANT ROONEY AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS! HE PROMISED TO GET A SQUAD CAR OVER TO MY OFFICE IMMEDIATELY AND TO FOLLOW IT IN PERSON! HE ALSO PROMISED TO ALERT THE STATE POLICE! MY THIRD CALL WAS TO THE STATE POLICE! I ASKED THEM TO PICK UP THE DETOUR SIGNS AND MEET ME ON THE MAIN HIGHWAY! WHEN FINALLY I PUT DOWN THE PHONE I NOTICED HOW STILL EVERYTHING WAS IN THE HOUSE! MY FLESH WAS CREEPING! I DIDN'T TRUST ANYBODY! I KEPT MY BACK TO THE WALL AS I HANDED THE WOMAN A FIVE SPOT TO COVER THE CALLS AND STARTED FOR THE DOOR...



THIS WILL PAY FOR THE CALLS AND FOR YOUR TROUBLE!

T. THANK YOU!



THE LOOK ON HER FACE WARNED ME! I DODGED JUST IN TIME! LUCK WAS WITH ME AGAIN! A BULLET WENT "SPLAAT" AGAINST THE DOOR PANEL, AND I LIT OFF FOR THE ROAD...

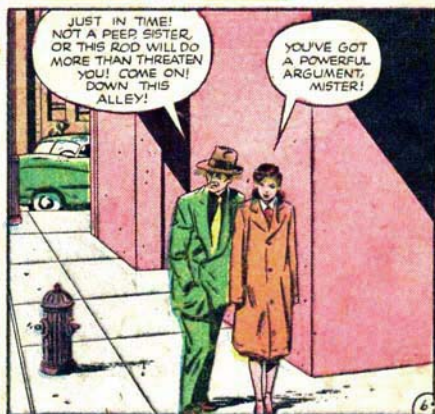
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WE WERE ON A COLD TRAIL! ALL WE HAD WAS A CORPSE DISGUISED AS A SCARECROW, WHO TURNED OUT TO BE THE FARM WOMAN'S GON! WHEN THAT WAS REVEALED, SHE BECAME SO HYSTERICAL AND INCOHERENT THAT WE GAVE UP THE IDEA, TEMPORARILY, OF GETTING ANY FURTHER INFORMATION FROM HER! THE MOB WAS GONE AND SUSAN BOYLE, WITH THEM! IN MY OPINION, HER LIFE WASN'T WORTH A PLUGGED NICKEL! ALL WE COULD DO WAS CALL THE CORONER AND RETURN TO STATE POLICE HEADQUARTERS! BACK IN THE CITY, AS I LEARNED LATER, WENDY WAS HAVING TROUBLE ALMOST AS BAD AS SUSAN BOYLE'S...



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BY THE TIME ROONEY GOT HIS CALL THROUGH TO THE STATE POLICE THE CORONER HAD REMOVED THE MAN'S BODY FROM THE SCARECROW AND IT WAS ON ITS WAY TO THE MORGUE! THE MOTHER OF THE MURDERED MAN WAS UNDER A DOCTOR'S CARE! TWO STATE POLICEMEN HAD BEEN STATIONED AT THE FARMHOUSE TO PROTECT HER AGAINST THE POSSIBLE RETURN OF THE MOB! MY CAR HAD BEEN HAULED TO A POLICE GARAGE AND I HAD JUST WALKED INTO THE BARRACKS WHEN ROONEY'S CALL CAME THROUGH...

LIEUTENANT ROONEY? YES, LIEUTENANT! RIGHT AWAY! GARDNER JUST CAME IN, TOO! I'LL TELL THE CAPTAIN!

SOMETHING HAPPEN TO WENDY? IF THOSE DIRTY...

NO, YOUR GIRL'S OKAY! BUT ROONEY GOT A TIP THAT THE MOB'S GOING TO BLOW THE SAFE IN THE COUNTY DETECTIVE'S OFFICE...

ALL THREE CARS ALERT! LET'S GO!



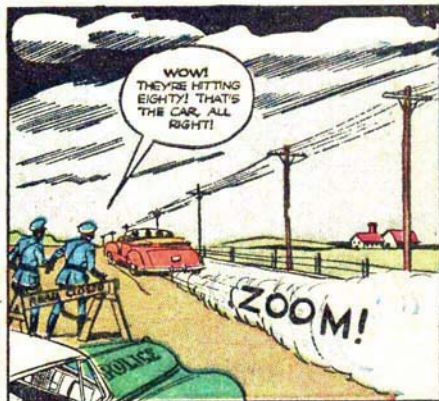
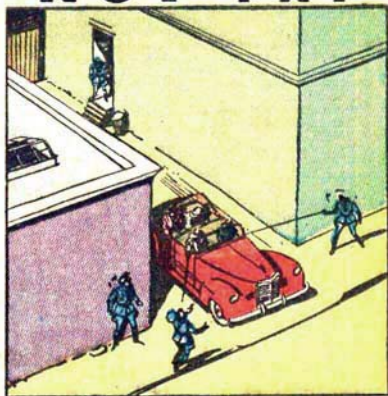
QUICK, YOU GUYS! SOMEBODY'S COMIN' UP THE STAIRS!

THAT WAS AS LOUSY A JOB OF SAFE-BLOWIN' AS I'VE EVER SEEN! YOU DID MORE DAMAGE TO THE OFFICE THAN YOU DID TO THE SAFE!



GET THOSE PAPERS IN THE CAR! STEP ON IT! I'LL HOLD THESE GUYS OFF!

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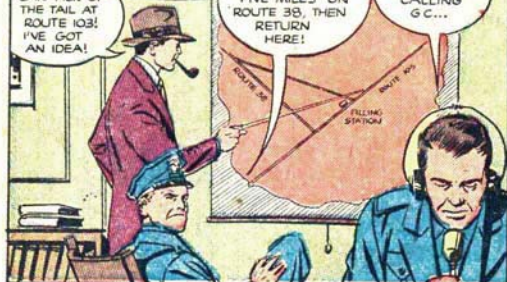
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AT HEADQUARTERS WE WERE FOLLOWING EVERY DETAIL OF THE EXCITING CHASE BY MAP AND SHORT WAVE RADIO...

THEY'RE HEADING BACK TOWARD TOWN! PROBABLY TRYING TO SHAKE OFF PURSUIT! RADIO GC TO LAY OFF! WE CAN PICK UP THE TAIL AT ROUTE 103! I'VE GOT AN IDEA!

TELL GC TO DROP TAIL! TELL HIM TO KEEP GOING FOR FIVE MILES ON ROUTE 33, THEN RETURN HERE!

CHECK, CAPTAIN! CALLING GC... CALLING GC...



WE'RE IN TIME! AND THEY FEEL SAFE NOW. I GUESS! THEY'RE HEADING AWAY FROM TOWN! WE'RE GETTING HOT!

AS SOON AS THEY'VE PICKED UP A LITTLE DISTANCE, WE'LL ROLL, GARDNER!



MY PLAN WAS WORKING! THERE WERE FIFTEEN NAMES ON THE LIST OF SUSPECTS AS HEAD OF THE BIGGEST GAMBLING RING IN THE STATE! THE FUGITIVE CAR WAS PICKING THE RIGHT NAME FOR US! I WAS SURE OF IT!

I FIGURED THEY'D TURN OFF! THEY'RE TAKING THE ROAD TO MOUNTAIN HOUSE, "BIG RED" NEVILLE'S PLACE!

I MIGHT HAVE GUESSED! HIS NAME IS NUMBER 13 ON OUR SUSPECT LIST, CAPTAIN!



THAT'S IT, GARDNER! BUT THE PLACE IS GUARDED NIGHT AND DAY! I CAN HAVE A RAIDING FORCE HERE IN AN HOUR, IF YOU SAY THE WORD!

NO, LET ME TRY TO GET IN ALONE! I CAN LEARN MORE THAT WAY! NOW, HERE'S WHAT I HAVE IN MIND...



CAPTAIN SIMS AGREED TO MY PLAN! THERE'D BE POLICE WATCHING, BUT NO RAID UNLESS I FAILED TO SHOW WITHIN A REASONABLE LENGTH OF TIME! IF I COULD TRICK "BIG RED" OUT OF HIS TERRITORY INTO MINE, SIMS WAS TO CONTACT RONEY AND HAVE HIM SET THE STAGE FOR THE BIG BLOW-OFF! IT TOOK ME ALMOST AN HOUR TO HIKE AROUND THE HILL AND CLIMB OVER IT! I CAME DOWN IN THE BED OF A LITTLE STREAM! AS I NEARED THE GROUNDS, A STICK CRACKED, AND PEBBLES ROLLED DOWN...

HOLD IT, LUG, OR I'LL LET YOU HAVE IT! WHERE D'YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING?

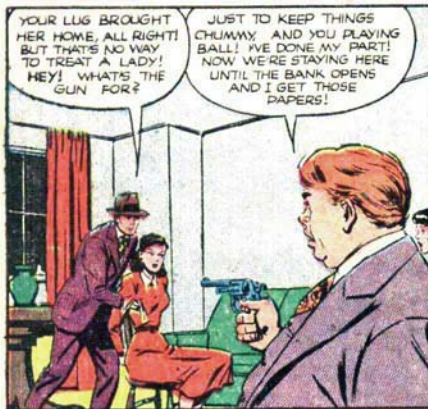
IN THE HOUSE!



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BUT YOUR HANDS WERENT TIED AT ALL!

NO- LIEUTENANT ROONEY HAD UNTIED ME! BUT WHEN WE HEARD YOU WERE HEADED HERE, WE FAKED THE SCENE TO FOOL THAT BIG FAT SLOB, NEVILLE! HIS MAN, SEALE, HAD LEFT ME TIED UP!

GET ME SOME COLD WATER, WILL YOU WENDY?

HERE'S YOUR BOY, LIEUTENANT ROONEY! YOU CAN LOAD HIM IN THE WAGON WITH HIS KINFOLKS! STEEL COUNTY WILL THANK YOU PLENTY FOR THE LIFT!

THEY OWE YOU PLENTY TOO, CHIEF! I DON'T SEE HOW...

WHAT ABOUT ME? THEY OWE ME A BRONZE VASE!

I'VE COME ALL THE WAY FROM HATTSVILLE TO BRING YOU THIS VASE, YOUNG LADY! IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR YOU, GARDNER WOULDN'T HAVE LOOKED SO BRIGHT!

THERE'S GRATITUDE FOR YOU! I CLEAN UP THE CASE IN FORTY-EIGHT HOURS, AND WHAT HAPPENS? NOW I ASK YOU...

CRAWLING THROUGH CONDUITS—RUINING GOOD CLOTHES—SITTING IN POLICE STATIONS WHILE CROOKS RUN WILD! PHOOEY!

THE END

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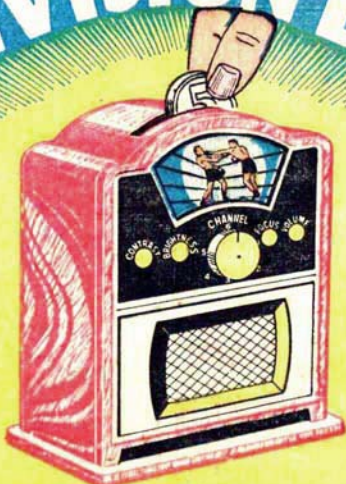
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SET NO. 5

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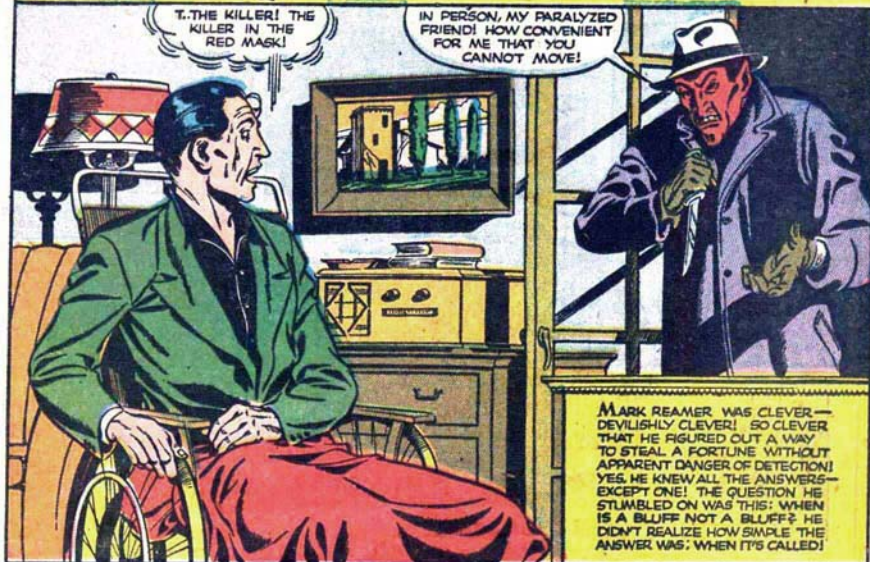


REAMER WAS BROKE, BUT REAMER WAS SMART! HE COULD BE COUNTED UPON NOT TO OVERLOOK ANY OPPORTUNITY THAT WAS THROWN IN HIS PATH—EVEN A SUBWAY WRECK! BUT HE FIGURED WITHOUT THE KILLER IN THE RED MASK AND THE REMOTE POSSIBILITY OF

SHOCK TREATMENT

T.THE KILLER! THE KILLER IN THE RED MASK!

IN PERSON, MY PARALYZED FRIEND! HOW CONVENIENT FOR ME THAT YOU CANNOT MOVE!



MARK REAMER WAS CLEVER—DEVILISHLY CLEVER! SO CLEVER THAT HE FIGURED OUT A WAY TO STEAL A FORTUNE WITHOUT APPARENT DANGER OF DETECTION! YES, HE KNEW ALL THE ANSWERS—EXCEPT ONE! THE QUESTION HE STUMBLED ON WAS THIS: WHEN IS A BLUFF NOT A BLUFF? HE DIDN'T REALIZE HOW SIMPLE THE ANSWER WAS: WHEN IT'S CALLED!

IT WAS ELEVEN OCLOCK, THE NIGHT OF FEBRUARY 3RD, 1939...

DARN THESE KEYS! NEVER CAN FIGURE OUT WHICH ONE'S FOR THE STREET DOOR!

DON'T BOTHER, MY FRIEND! YOU'RE NOT GOING INSIDE TONIGHT!

MPHHH!

T.THE KILLER IN THE RED MASK—NO! NO! PLEASE!



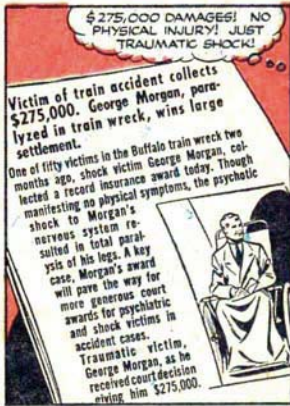
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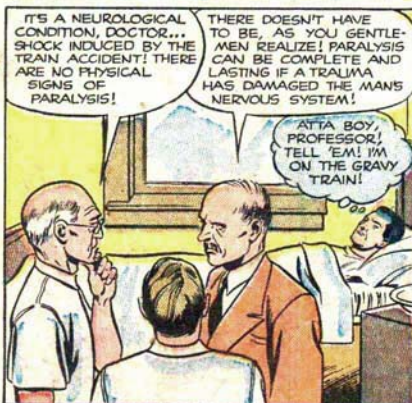
THIS IS THE CHANCE OF A LIFETIME! I CAN COLLECT LIKE THAT GEORGE WHAT'S-HIS-NAME! I CAN PRETEND TO BE PARALYZED—BOTH LEGS... ONE ARM...I GOT AWAY WITH A BLUFF BEFORE, WHY NOT NOW?

SO, WHEN THE STRETCHER-BEARERS CAME FOR MARK REAMER...



H...HELP ME! I CAN'T GET UP... I DON'T FEEL ANYTHING IN MY LEGS! W...WHAT'S THE MATTER? WHY CAN'T I FEEL ANYTHING?

SOUNDS LIKE THIS MAN IS PARALYZED, JOE!...TAKE IT EASY, FELLOW! WE'LL HAVE YOU OUT IN A JIFFY!



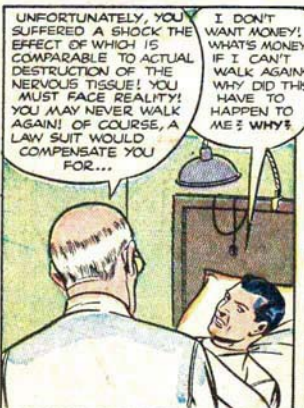
IT'S A NEUROLOGICAL CONDITION, DOCTOR... SHOCK INDUCED BY THE TRAIN ACCIDENT! THERE ARE NO PHYSICAL SIGNS OF PARALYSIS!

THERE DOESN'T HAVE TO BE, AS YOU GENTLEMEN REALIZE! PARALYSIS CAN BE COMPLETE AND LASTING IF A TRAUMA HAS DAMAGED THE MAN'S NERVOUS SYSTEM!

ATTN BOY, PROFESSOR! TELL 'EM! I'M ON THE GRAVY TRAIN!

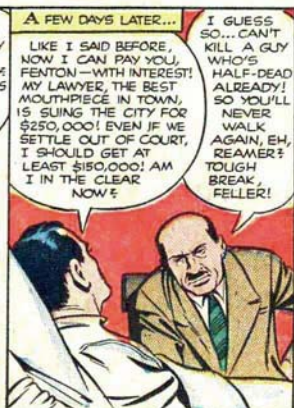
MR. REAMER, THE MOST EMINENT NEUROLOGIST IN THE CITY HAS JUST GIVEN US HIS OPINION! BRACE YOURSELF, SIR! YOU ARE PARALYZED—AND MAY REMAIN SO, PERMANENTLY!

BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE! THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH MY LEGS! YOU, YOURSELF SAID MY SPINAL COLUMN WAS UNINJURED!



UNFORTUNATELY, YOU SUFFERED A SHOCK THE EFFECT OF WHICH IS COMPARABLE TO ACTUAL DESTRUCTION OF THE NERVOUS TISSUE! YOU MUST FACE REALITY! YOU MAY NEVER WALK AGAIN! OF COURSE, A LAW SUIT WOULD COMPENSATE YOU FOR...

I DON'T WANT MONEY! WHAT'S MONEY IF I CAN'T WALK AGAIN? WHY DID THIS HAVE TO HAPPEN TO ME? WHY?



A FEW DAYS LATER...

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HE SHOULD BE AS PARALYZED AS I AM! HEH! HEH! I'LL PLAY THE ROLE OF A PARALYTIC TILL THE CASE IS SETTLED THEN I'LL DISAPPEAR! MEXICO—SOUTH AMERICA...WHERE A MAN CAN GET LOST NICELY WITH A HUNDRED GRAND!

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SEVERAL WEEKS LATER, IN THE EXECUTIVE OFFICES OF THE UNIVERSAL INSURANCE COMPANY...



HMM... THEY'RE STILL LOOKING FOR THAT KILLER IN THE RED MASK! THE POLICE ARE QUESTIONING EVERY GROOK AND HIS GRANDWOTHER! WHAT IS IT, REYNOLDS? BLAINE SAID IT WAS IMPORTANT!

IT IS, SIR! IT'S ABOUT ONE OF THE SUITS! GLAWAN, GEORGE REAMER!

WE'VE DUG INTO REAMER'S PAST! WE ALWAYS DO IN MAJOR CASES, AS YOU ARE WELL AWARE! THOUGH HE DOESN'T HAVE A POLICE RECORD, HE'S A KNOWN SMALL-TIME GAMBLER! HOWEVER, THE MOST INTERESTING DETAIL IS HIS ARMY RECORD!



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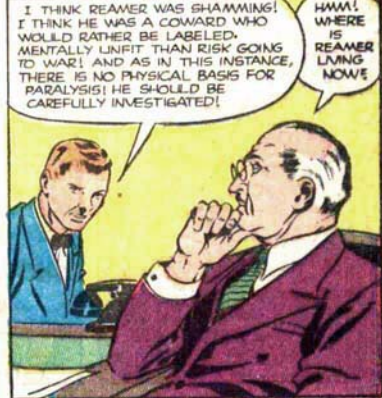
YES, SIR! REAMER'S ALWAYS TALKING ABOUT COMMITTING SUICIDE! HE'LL DO IT, YET!



THE FOLLOWING DAY HE TRIED TO HANG HIMSELF IN THE BARRACKS...

LET ME GO! I WANT TO DIE, I TELL YOU!

EVEN IF HE IS SHAMMING, SERGEANT, REAMER IS A LIABILITY TO THIS COMPANY! I'M GOING TO RECOMMEND HIS DISCHARGE ON GROUNDS OF MENTAL UNFITNESS!



I THINK REAMER WAS SHAMMING! I THINK HE WAS A COWARD WHO WOULD RATHER BE LABELED MENTALLY UNFIT THAN RISK GOING TO WAR! AND AS IN THIS INSTANCE, THERE IS NO PHYSICAL BASIS FOR PARALYSIS! HE SHOULD BE CAREFULLY INVESTIGATED!

HMM! WHERE IS REAMER LIVING NOW?



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A SWEET SETUP THIS... NOTHING'S TOO GOOD FOR ME NOW! THE OLD LADY GOES OUT FOR THE EVENING, GIVING ME THE RUN OF THE JOINT! YOU'D THINK I WAS HEIR TO ALL OF THE OIL WELLS IN TEXAS!



BLUFF... THAT'S WHAT PUTS YOU ON TOP! THE BIGGER THE BLUFF, THE GREATER YOUR SUCCESS! NOBODY CAN PROVE I'M NOT A PARA... HMM, I FEEL A DRAFT ON MY NECK! DID I LEAVE A WINDOW OPEN?

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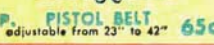
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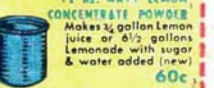
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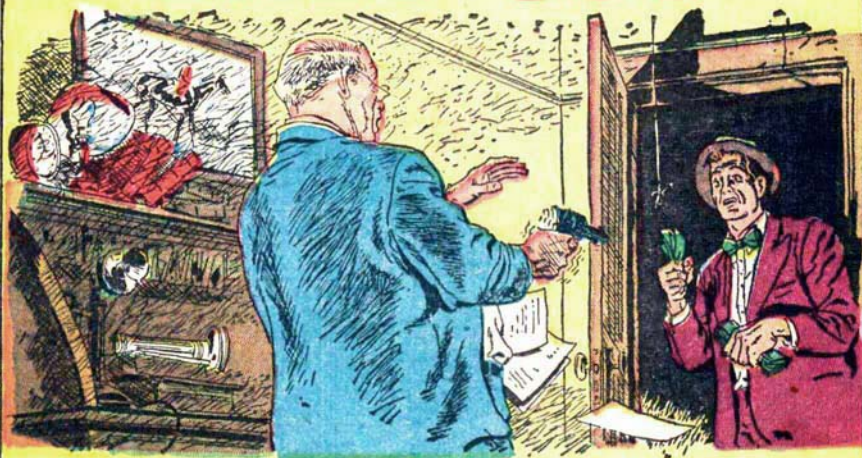
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FALL GUY



If either Trapp Kelper or "Soft Shoe" Morton ever heard the term "perfect crime," they'd never mentioned it to each other. They were too busy practicing their own methods to bother with theories. What little reading they did was concerned with racing forms. The two had a formula which applied equally well to arson, larceny, forgery and murder. They tackled each job as it came along, made sure their tracks were covered, and whenever possible, pinned the misdeeds on a fall guy.

The way they tossed money away on the races, Trapp and Soft Shoe had to pick up some cash the easy way! But nobody ever checked on their bets and, after all, some horses did bring in money. So they were classed as lucky, even by the Pinkerton detectives who kept an eye on shady characters at Belmont, Laurel, Pimlico and other tracks as far south as Hialeah.

Trapp and Soft Shoe were so confident of their ability to dodge the law that they had picked Old Singleton Prout as the jack pot to end all jack pots, should the need arise! Singleton was a horse-player, too, in his own way. He studied the horses, the jockeys, the weather and running conditions at a track, then made book on his

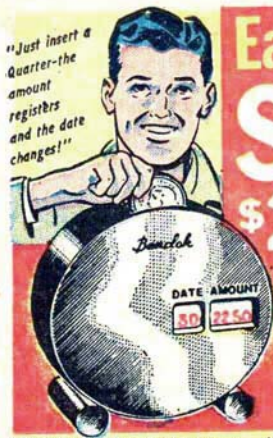
findings. But he only accepted bets on horses he felt sure would lose! The fact that he gave good odds kept his customers coming back, and his weekly take would have made any regular bookie jealous.

Singleton also mimeographed a confidential scratch sheet of winners, which he sold at five bucks per copy to a small group of regulars, including Trapp and Soft Shoe. All that those in the know had to do was ring the old man's bell after eight P.M. and trade a bill for tomorrow's racing score!

Because they were customers deluxe, Singleton had occasionally invited Trapp and Soft Shoe into his basement rooms when the weather was bad, and the ink hadn't dried on his scratch sheets. Each time their keen eyes had spotted bundles of green stuff that was neither cabbage nor spinach but answered to either nickname!

Tonight the partners were going to snitch those bundles! Shortly before eight they approached Singleton's apartment, not by the front door—which lay between Jerry's newsstand and Mike's barber shop—but by the back alley. Trapp tinkered with the lock on the back door. It yielded, and Soft Shoe eased through the door

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in the cat-footed style which had won him his name. He reached the doorway of the little room Singleton used as an office, still undiscovered. The old man was leaning, stoop-shouldered, over a table in the corner, lit only by the inadequate rays of a flashlight which lay at his elbow. He was making sure the ink was dry on the day's sheets.

Soft Shoe lived up to his reputation as he reached the open safe and gathered up the bundles of currency he had seen stacked there. As neatly as though the scene had been rehearsed, he dodged Singleton Prout's eye as the bookie turned the other way in the semi-darkness. The old man carried his racing sheets to a desk near the door, and tugged on a lamp-cord, but the light did not come on! He picked up a phone from the desk and dialed a number.

"Hello! Hello!" Singleton looked annoyed. "Yes, this is Prout again! No, the electrician isn't here yet. . . . You're sure he's on his way? . . . Well . . ."

Soft Shoe had almost reached the door when Singleton slammed the receiver down abruptly and turned. Only for an instant did the old man look startled, then, seeing the cash in the crook's hands, Singleton pounced for the desk, whipped a gun from a half-open drawer and came full about in what seemed like a single move. Soft Shoe had no time to dodge before the old man was upon him.

But Singleton never used the gun. Trapp Kelper was in the doorway. His hand had only a short distance to travel with the thing it carried. A blackjack thudded dully at the base of Singleton Prout's skull and the old man dropped like a poled ox! Soft Shoe Morton sucked in his breath.

"Yipes, Trapp! That was for keeps!"

"Right! All we needed was a chump to take the rap and *he's on his way!* The electrician is due! Step on it!"

Soft Shoe nodded. Trapp pulled a late paper from his pocket and tossed it on the desk. He picked up three scratch sheets, and nudged Soft Shoe through the door, leaving it ajar.

Safely back on the front street, Soft Shoe sidled into the barber shop and spoke to Mike, who was busy shaving a customer. Both could see Trapp going down the steps to Singleton's door through the big window.

"Slip me five, Mike, and I'll pick up your Singleton special. Tomorrow's supposed to be red hot."

Mike stepped to the cash register, dug out a bill and passed it over. Soft Shoe hurried out and joined Trapp, who was pressing Singleton's doorbell. Both spoke aloud in greeting, as though the old man had answered the door, then Soft Shoe stepped up to the sidewalk where Jerry was peering around from his newsstand into the vague dark below.

"Old Prout wants his late paper, Jerry," Soft Shoe said, picking up a copy from the stand. This had happened a number of times before

when Singleton had actually been present! Jerry would practically swear he'd seen the old man down there at the door—and heard his voice!

The newspaper went under Soft Shoe's coat (although it was slightly lumpy with greenbacks!) and stayed there until he and Trapp re-entered the barber shop. While Trapp was handing Mike a copy of the scratch sheet, Soft Shoe dropped the paper on a chair where any customer could have left it.

Trapp and Soft Shoe were playing at their favorite poolroom less than an hour later when Inspector Tim MacManus walked in on them.

"You two were the last to see Singleton Prout alive," he said. "Tell me the details. Just what happened when you stopped there?"

"You mean the old man kicked in?" Soft Shoe looked astounded. The inspector nodded and looked at Trapp.

"Well, we rang the bell," Trapp said, "and when Prout came to the door, we bought three scratch sheets—one apiece and one for Mike, the barber."

"Yeah," Soft Shoe put in, "and I got his paper for him from Jerry."

"I saw the newspaper on Prout's desk," MacManus nodded. "You say he came right away when Kelper rang the doorbell?"

"I didn't say that," Soft Shoe drawled, "but as a matter of fact he did. Come eight o'clock and Old Singleton listened for that door like it was a dinner call! But with customers paying five bucks apiece, who could blame him?"

"Nobody could," the inspector decided. He turned to a detective who had followed him in. "Bring that fellow in here."

Trapp and Soft Shoe could tell by the man's panic that he was their fall guy, the electrician. He, taking the two crooks to be friends of Singleton Prout, broke down completely.

"I didn't do it!" He was almost in tears. "So help me, I didn't! I came because Mr. Prout kept phoning about an electrician. The door was open, so I walked in. When I saw him lying there I couldn't believe it, but I called the police. Why would I—?"

The two crooks were staring blankly, as though they had suddenly lost a dear friend. Inspector MacManus' face was a mask as he said: "Tell them *why* you went there, Jennings!"

"Mr. Prout kept calling and calling. I never heard anybody kick up such a fuss just because their front doorbell was out of order!"

"And what time did you arrive?" MacManus pressed him.

"Almost exactly at eight o'clock," Jennings said. "I got the lights going right after calling you. You arrived at eight twenty-one!"

MacManus was watching two faces, melt, freeze, melt again. Trapp Kelper and Soft Shoe Morton were both thinking of an electrician whose wiring did not fail—the man up the river who tested the electric chair!

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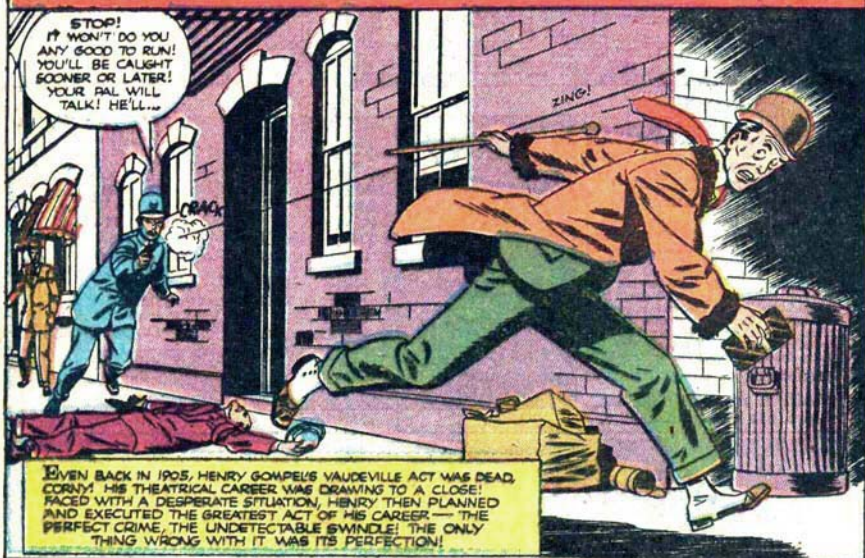
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DOUBLE LIFE

the STRANGE CASE OF THE NONEXISTENT WIFE!



HE HAD TO GIVE EIGHT SHOWS A DAY AT KOKIMO'S CHATEAU THEATER, BUT AT LEAST IT WASN'T A ONE-NIGHT STAND! HENRY GOMPEL, COMIC FEMALE IMPERSONATOR, HAD BEEN SIGNED FOR A WHOLE WEEK...

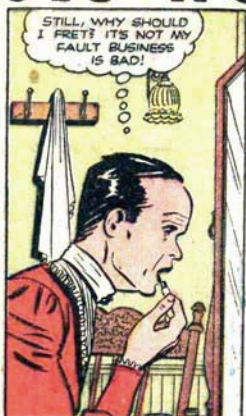


DON'T TAKE IT SO HARD! THINGS WILL GET BETTER AS SOON AS WORD GETS AROUND ABOUT MY ACT! WHY, I ROLLED 'EM IN THE AISLES IN WICHITA!

TSK! POOR FELLOW! SOMEBODY OUGHT TO TELL HIM HIS ACT'S A DUD!



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HENRY GOMPEL HEADED FOR NEW YORK! IF THERE WERE JOBS AVAILABLE, THAT'S WHERE HE WOULD FIND THEM! FOR WEEKS HE HUNTED THE AGENCIES, BUT THE ANSWER WAS ALWAYS THE SAME—NO! FINALLY, ONE SATURDAY EVENING, HENRY SPURGED HIS LAST SIX DOLLARS DROWNING HIS SORROWS IN A BROADWAY SALOON...

PLEASE, JULES—JUST ONE MORE ON THE CUFF!

NIX, MR. GOMPEL! THE BOSS SAYS HE AIN'T RUNNING NO CHARITY DUMP ANY MORE, AND I GOT TO PAY FOR 'EM MYSELF!



IT'S ALL RIGHT, JULES—GIVE THE MAN A DRINK! AND LET ME HAVE A BOTTLE OF FOUR-STAR DENNESSEY! WILL YOU JOIN ME IN ONE OF THE BOOTHS, PAL?

WELL, THAT'S RIGHT, NEIGHBORLY OF YOU, SIR, AND TO WHOM DO I OWE THIS DEBT OF KINDNESS?



THE NAME'S O'HARA—JERRY O'HARA! BUT YOU DON'T OWE ME NOTHING, PAL! I BEEN FLAT MYSELF PLENTY OF TIMES!

NEVERTHELESS, IT DOES MY HEART GOOD TO SEE A LITTLE GENEROSITY THESE DAYS...AND MONEY, TOO! I DIDN'T THINK THERE WAS ANY OF THE STUFF LEFT IN THE WORLD!



...SO THAT'S HOW IT IS! I'VE LIVED WELL IN MY TIME—TOO WELL! I SUPPOSE THERE'S NO PLACE LEFT FOR A MAN OF MY SPECIAL TALENT, JERRY! WHAT IS THERE TO GO ON FOR?

...I DON'T KNOW, HENRY! THERE'S STILL PLENTY OF GUYS AROUND WITH DOUGH! AND THEY'LL COME ACROSS, IF YOU APPROACH 'EM THE RIGHT AWAY!



APPROACH THEM—HOW? WITH A GUN?

YEAH, WHY NOT? I BEN LIVING OFF WHAT I CAN GET BY POKING A GUN IN SOME RICH GUY'S RIBS! FOR FIFTEEN MINUTES WORK, I TAKE ENOUGH TO LIVE ON FOR A MONTH! KNOW ANYTHING BETTER?



YOU MUST BE JOKING, MR. O'HARA! SURELY, YOU DON'T MEAN...

DOES THIS ROLL LOOK LIKE I'M JOKING? AND ALL FROM ONE MUG! DON'T BE A SAPI! YOU'RE UP AGAINST IT, PAL! I KNOW THAT! DO YOU THINK IT'S BETTER TO GO HUNGRY?



I...I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY! I WOULDN'T KNOW HOW TO BEGIN, OR WHERE, AND WHAT IF I WERE CAUGHT?

YOU WON'T BE CAUGHT—NOT WITH ME, PAL! LISTEN, I LIKE YOU! I LIKE COMPANY WHEN I PULL A JOB! WISE UP—LOOK AT IT THIS WAY!



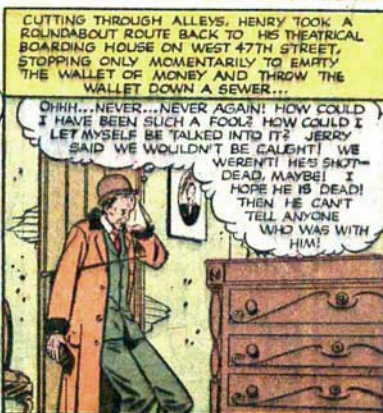
HENRY GOMPEL WAS DESPERATE, AND HE WAS IN A MOOD TO BE CONVINCED! SO, THAT NIGHT...

...THIS GENT COMING ALONG NOW, PAL! HE LOOKS WELL HEELED! I'LL TAKE HIM FROM THE FRONT! YOU JAB YOUR CANE IN HIS BACK!

ALL RIGHT, JERRY, BUT YOU DO THE TALKING! I'LL PROBABLY BE SO SCARED MY TEETH WILL BE CHATTERING!



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WHY FOOL MYSELF? I'M THROUGH IN THE THEATER! AT LEAST IT'S THROUGH WITH ME! BUT WHAT CAN I DO? WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO ME WHEN MY MONEY RUNS OUT? OH, IF ONLY I HAD SOMEONE CLOSE—SOMEONE TO REASSURE ME—THAT'S THE PRICE OF SELFISH BACHELORHOOD! A WIFE CAN SHARE ONE'S PROBLEMS! SHE'D HAVE MADE ME SAVE, TAKE OUT INSURANCE! I'D HAVE...



INSURANCE! FUNNY, YOU TAKE OUT INSURANCE AND YOU CAN'T COLLECT A TILL YOU'RE DEAD! NOW, IF I COULD FIGURE SOME WAY...HA! THERE I GO—START BEING CROOKED AND YOU JUST KEEP THINKING THAT WAY! AND YET...



OUT OF HENRY GOMPEL'S DESPERATION AND ANXIETY FOR SECURITY, A SCHEME WAS BORN—A SWINDLE SO FANTASTIC THAT IT WAS DESTINED TO WORK. ONLY TOO WELL! SEVERAL DAYS LATER, AS PART OF HIS PLAN, HENRY MOVED TO A NEW BOARDING HOUSE...

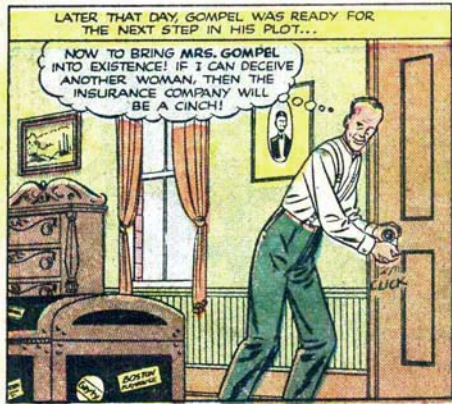
YES, THIS WILL SUIT US VERY WELL, MRS. ROSS! HERE'S A MONTH'S RENT IN ADVANCE! CAN YOU HAVE SOMEONE BRING MY TRUNK IN FROM THE STREET?

MY HUSBAND WILL ATTEND TO IT, MR. GOMPEL! JUST LET ME KNOW IF THERE'S ANYTHING ELSE YOU WANT!



OH—YOUR WIFE WILL BE HERE SOON, SIR?

MY...ER...YES, MRS. GOMPEL WILL BE HERE THIS AFTERNOON!



LATER THAT DAY, GOMPEL WAS READY FOR THE NEXT STEP IN HIS PLOT...

NOW TO BRING MRS. GOMPEL INTO EXISTENCE! IF I CAN DECEIVE ANOTHER WOMAN, THEN THE INSURANCE COMPANY WILL BE A CINCH!



IT'S A TEMPTATION TO TAKE OUT A LARGE INSURANCE POLICY, BUT I MUSTN'T BE GREEDY! TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS WILL DO! I CAN LIVE NICELY ON THAT FOR QUITE A FEW YEARS... AND THEN, WELL... TIME WILL TELL!



...THERE'LL BE PREMIUMS TO PAY—JUST A FEW, OF COURSE—BUT THEY'LL BE PRETTY HIGH AT MY AGE...



AH, IT FEELS GOOD TO GET BACK INTO MY ROLE! IN A WAY, IT'S LIKE BEING ON STAGE AGAIN! BUT NOW I MUST GIVE THE GREATEST PERFORMANCE OF MY LIFE! "GOOD AFTERNOON! YOU MUST BE MRS. ROSS!" MR. GOMPEL SAID...

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TEN MINUTES LATER...

OH, YOU'RE MRS. GOMPEL! HOW DO YOU DO! YES, YOUR HUSBAND PAID ME FOR A FULL MONTH IN ADVANCE! HE'S SUCH A GENTLEMAN! UMM, WOULDN'T YOU LIKE TO COME IN AND HAVE A CUP OF TEA WITH ME, MRS. GOMPEL?

THANK YOU, MRS. ROSS, BUT SOME OTHER TIME! I HAVE TO MEET HENRY DOWNTOWN-ABOUT SOME BUSINESS!

HAVING FIRMLY ESTABLISHED THE EXISTENCE OF HIS WIFE'S HENRY GOMPEL THEN PUT HIS DISGUISE THROUGH EXHAUSTIVE TESTS...

IT'S ALL RIGHT, MOTHER...TAKE IT EASY! NO HURRY! STRANGER IN TOWN, MA'AM?

THIS IS SO SWEET OF YOU, OFFICER! WHY, BACK IN MINNEAPOLIS I HEARD SUCH TERRIBLE THINGS ABOUT NEW YORK! THEY'RE JUST NOT TRUE!

SATISFIED WITH THE SUCCESS OF HIS IMPERSONATION, HENRY GOMPEL PAID A VISIT TO AN INSURANCE COMPANY THAT VERY SAME AFTERNOON...

...AND I THINK EVERY WIFE IS ENTITLED TO PROTECTION! IF ANYTHING HAPPENED TO HENRY, I SIMPLY COULDN'T GO OUT AND WORK MYSELF...

YOU'RE RIGHT, MRS. GOMPEL! THAT IS THE BLESSING OF INSURANCE-SECURITY! NOW, IF YOU'LL HAVE YOUR HUSBAND FILL OUT THE APPLICATION FORMS, HE CAN BRING THEM WITH HIM WHEN HE COMES FOR HIS PHYSICAL EXAMINATION!

THE FOLLOWING DAY...

PERFECTLY NORMAL! YOU'RE IN REMARKABLY GOOD CONDITION, MR. GOMPEL!

IT'S GOOD TO HEAR THAT, DOCTOR! I FEEL LIKE MAN OF TWENTY-FIVE!

SEVERAL MONTHS PASSED! THEN HENRY GOMPEL DECIDED IT WAS TIME TO UNDERTAKE THE MOST DANGEROUS PART OF HIS SCHEME...

I'M TERRIBLY SORRY TO HEAR MR. GOMPEL IS ILL! IS THERE SOMETHING I CAN DO, MRS. GOMPEL?

PLEASE, JUST DON'T DISTURB HIM! HE'S SLEEPING NOW! I'LL CLEAN THE ROOM MYSELF, WHEN I GET BACK! I'M GOING TO GET A DOCTOR!

I HAVE A VERY GOOD DOCTOR, MRS. GOMPEL! WHY NOT LET ME SUMMON HIM FOR YOU?

THANK YOU JUST THE SAME, MRS. ROSS, BUT WE HAVE OUR OWN FAMILY PHYSICIAN! HE'S BEEN ATTENDING HENRY AND ME FOR YEARS!

I'M SORRY, BUT IT'S MY SON YOU WANT-DR. JAMES MARIN! I'M DR. EDWARD MARIN! BUT I GAVE UP MY PRACTICE FIVE YEARS AGO! IT'S MY EYES, YOU KNOW-CATARACTS! IF IT'S URGENT, THEN PERHAPS I CAN RECOMMEND ANOTHER MAN! MY SON IS AT THE HOSPITAL!

NO, I WOULDN'T TRUST MY HENRY IN THE HANDS OF A YOUNGER MAN! I'VE HEARD ABOUT YOU- THEY SAY YOU WERE A VERY FINE DOCTOR! PLEASE, I BEG YOU-TAKE CARE OF MY HUSBAND!

VERY WELL, MRS.-WHAT DID YOU SAY THE NAME WAS? OH, GAMBLE! I'LL BE THERE AS SOON AS CAN DRESS AND GET OVER!

GOMPEL, IS THE NAME, DR. MARIN... AND WE'RE JUST A FEW BLOCKS FROM HERE... 448 EAST 8TH STREET! THE LANDLADY WILL SHOW YOU OUR ROOM!

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GETTING THE SERVICES OF THE DECEPIT, NEARLY-BLIND DOCTOR WAS A MASTER- STROKE OF PLANNING, OF ACTING, OF QUICK THINKING! ON HIS WAY HOME HENRY STOPPED IN SEVERAL DRUGSTORES AND PURCHASED A NUMBER OF HOT WATER BOTTLES...

HAVE TO HURRY, GIVE MYSELF TIME TO WORK UP A GOOD SWEAT, A FEVER, BEFORE...SOMEBODY'S AT THE FRONT DOOR—DR. MARIN, PERHAPS! OH, DEAR, THE COMPLICATIONS!



TSK! YOUR HEART IS BEATING LIKE A TRIPHAMMER, MR. CAMPBELL! YOU SHOULD BE IN A HOSPITAL! YOUR BREATHING IS SO RAPID! AND YOU'RE WHEEZING... WAS THAT YOUR WIFE WHO LET ME IN? I SHOULD LIKE TO TALK WITH HER!

GOMPEL, DR. MARIN—G-O-M-P-E-L! OH... EEE...NO, THE MISSUS IS WORKING, DOC! THAT WAS PROBABLY THE LANDLADY YOU SAW! OHHH...I HAVE A TERRIBLE CHILL! WHAT'S WRCNG WITH ME, DOCTOR?

WILL YOU TAKE A LOOK AT THE THERMOMETER, SIR? I'M SORRY—I TOLD YOUR WIFE I CAN HARDLY SEE! THEN IF YOU'LL FIND MY PRESCRIPTION PAD FROM AMONG THESE...

UMMM... UMMM...



...A HUNDRED AND FIVE? ARE YOU QUITE SURE YOU READ THIS RIGHT, SIR?

OH...EEE...I...I DON'T KNOW! I FEEL TERRIBLE! IF YOU'LL JUST GIVE ME A PRESCRIPTION...



FATE SEEMED TO BE ON HENRY'S SIDE—NOT ONLY HAD THE DOCTOR UNWITTINGLY FURNISHED A DEATH CERTIFICATE, BUT HIS SIGNATURE AS WELL ON THE PRESCRIPTION!

...THERE—HENRY GOMPEL IS DEAD OF BRONCHO-PNEUMONIA! FROM HERE ON, I MUST BE EXTREMELY CAREFUL! NO NEED TO LET THAT BUSYBODY, MRS. ROSS, KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THIS! I'LL MAKE A QUICK RECOVERY AND PULL OUT OF HERE!



LATER THAT WEEK, "ELIZA GOMPEL," ARMED WITH THE DEATH CERTIFICATE AND OTHER FORGED PAPERS, HURRIED TO THE OFFICES OF THE PINNACLE LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY...

I DON'T LIKE TO APPEAR MERCENARY SO SOON AFTER MY POOR HENRY'S DEATH, BUT—WELL, IT'S JUST THAT I'M SO IN NEED OF MONEY...

WELL, EVERYTHING SEEMS TO BE IN ORDER! I'LL SEE TO IT THAT YOU WON'T HAVE TO WAIT LONG FOR A CHECK, MRS. GOMPEL—AND MAY I EXTEND MY SINCEREST SYMPATHY? I KNOW WHAT A SHOCK THIS HAS BEEN TO YOU!



NOT LONG AFTERWARD, A CHECK MADE OUT TO ELIZA GOMPEL, BENEFICIARY, ARRIVED AT THE BOARDING HOUSE AND WAS QUICKLY CASHED BY THE "BEREAVED WIDOW." HENRY GOMPEL KNEW IT WOULD BE SAFER TO LEAVE NEW YORK NOW! HE TOLD MRS. ROSS THAT HE WAS GOING TO CALIFORNIA FOR HIS HEALTH! BUT SOMETHING WAS BOTHERING THE LANDLADY...

I MUST SAY MR. GOMPEL HAS ACTED STRANGELY THESE LAST FEW DAYS...SNEAKING AROUND, HARDLY LEAVING HIS ROOM! NOW WHAT'S HE UP TO WITH THAT BUNDLE—AND SO EARLY IN THE MORNING, LIKE HE DOESN'T WANT TO BE SEEN! AND AFTER MRS. GOMPEL'S DISAPPEARANCE! MAYBE I SHOULD GO TO THE POLICE!

WELL, IT'S OVER NOW! "ELIZA GOMPEL" IS NO MORE! FIRST I GET RID OF THESE COSTUMES! THEN THE WIGS AND MAKE-UP GO DOWN SOME SEWER! THEN, I'LL BE FREE IN CANADA OR MEXICO! I'LL LIVE ON THAT TEN THOUSAND!



AFTER MUCH THOUGHT, MRS. ROSS PAID A VISIT TO POLICE HEADQUARTERS...

I DON'T SEE ANYTHING WRONG WITH THROWING AWAY OLD CLOTHES, LADY, OR WITH GOING TO CALIFORNIA, EITHER! YOU SAY THIS GOMPEL TOLD YOU HIS WIFE WENT OUT WEST TO FIND A PLACE FOR THEM TO LIVE?

I DON'T BELIEVE IT! I HAVEN'T SEEN HER SINCE HE BECAME ILL SEVERAL WEEKS AGO! I'VE KEPT MY EYES OPEN, BUT NOT A SIGN OF HER! BE-SIDES, WHY WOULD HE THROW HER CLOTHES AWAY, UNLESS...



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WELL, IT WON'T DO ANY HARM TO QUESTION HIM! WE'LL DROP IN ON HIM, BUT DON'T LET ON!

OF COURSE NOT! BELIEVE ME, THERE'S SOMETHING VERY WRONG—HIM SNEAKING OUT SO EARLY IN THE MORNING TO GET RID OF THOSE CLOTHES! I'M DREADFULLY WORRIED ABOUT MRS. GOMPEL! SHE WAS SUCH A SWEET WOMAN!



SUSPICION OF MURDER, MR. GOMPEL! I'M AFRAID WE'LL HAVE TO DETAIN YOU A LITTLE LONGER—AT LEAST UNTIL WE LEARN WHERE YOUR WIFE IS—IF SHE'S ALIVE!

MURDER! B. BUT THIS IS RIDICULOUS! THERE IS NO MRS. GOMPEL! I'VE NEVER BEEN... I MEAN...

THAT'S A LIE! THERE WAS A MRS. GOMPEL! I'VE SPOKEN WITH HER A DOZEN TIMES! IF THERE ISN'T A MRS. GOMPEL NOW, IT'S ONLY BECAUSE THIS BEAST HAS DONE AWAY WITH HER!

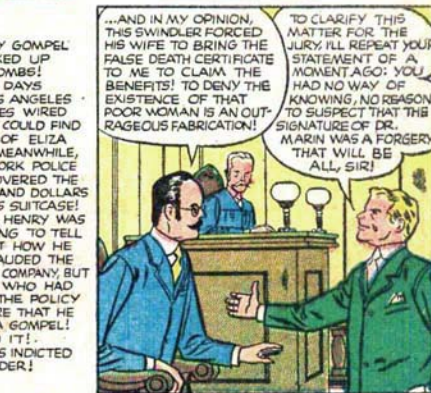
SO, HENRY GOMPEL WAS LOCKED UP IN THE TOMBS! SEVERAL DAYS LATER, LOS ANGELES AUTHORITIES WIRED THAT THEY COULD FIND NO TRACE OF ELIZA GOMPEL! MEANWHILE, THE NEW YORK POLICE HAD UNCOVERED THE TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS IN HENRY'S SUITCASE! TERRIFIED, HENRY WAS NOW WILLING TO TELL ALL ABOUT HOW HE HAD DEFRAUDED THE INSURANCE COMPANY, BUT THE MAN WHO HAD SOLD HIM THE POLICY ALSO SWORE THAT HE KNEW ELIZA GOMPEL! THAT DID IT! HENRY WAS INDICTED FOR MURDER!



ANOTHER FEW MINUTES AND THE POLICE WOULD HAVE BEEN TOO LATE; HENRY GOMPEL WAS ON HIS WAY OUT WHEN THEY ARRIVED...

...YOU DON'T KNOW YOUR WIFE'S CALIFORNIA ADDRESS, MR. GOMPEL? AND YOU SAY YOU WERE THROWING AWAY HER OLD CLOTHES BECAUSE THE WEATHER IS WARMER IN LOS ANGELES! MR. GOMPEL, IF YOU WERE IN MY PLACE, WOULD YOU BELIEVE A STORY LIKE THAT?

I... I CAN'T HELP WHAT YOU THINK! IT'S THE TRUTH... UH... SHE'S GOING TO MEET ME AT THE STATION WHEN I GET THERE! Y. YOU HAVE NO RIGHT TO DETAIN ME LIKE THIS! OF WHAT AM I BEING ACCUSED?



...AND IN MY OPINION, THIS SWINDLER FORCED HIS WIFE TO BRING THE FALSE DEATH CERTIFICATE TO ME TO CLAIM THE BENEFITS! TO DENY THE EXISTENCE OF THAT POOR WOMAN IS AN OUTRAGEOUS FABRICATION!

TO CLARIFY THIS MATTER FOR THE JURY, I'LL REPEAT YOUR STATEMENT OF A MOMENT AGO: YOU HAD NO WAY OF KNOWING, NO REASON TO SUSPECT THAT THE SIGNATURE OF DR. MARIN WAS A FORGERY! THAT WILL BE ALL, SIR!



...SO I TOOK POOR MRS. GOMPEL'S CLOTHES FROM THE GARBAGE CAN! OH, I COULD TELL THAT MURDERING BLUE BEARD WAS UP TO NO GOOD! HUMPH! AS IF I WOULDN'T KNOW ANOTHER WOMAN WHEN I SAW ONE!

OBJECTION, YOUR HONOR! THE WITNESS IS ASSUMING THE GUILT OF...

NO! NO! I TOLD YOU WHY I THREW AWAY THOSE CLOTHES! I ADMIT I TRIED TO CHEAT THE INSURANCE COMPANY, BUT...



CURIOSLY ENOUGH, IT WAS A DEFENSE WITNESS WHO DID HENRY GOMPEL THE MOST HARM...

I ASK YOU TO EXPLAIN MORE FULLY WHY YOU REFUSED TO LET THE DEFENDANT CONTINUE IN YOUR VAUDEVILLE—BILL, SIR!

WELL, I TRIED NOT TO HURT HIS FEELINGS, BUT HIS ACT WAS TERRIBLE! AND ONE WAS SUPPOSED TO KNOW GOMPEL WAS A MAN TILL THE FINISH, WHEN HE CAUGHT HIS WIG ON AN UMBRELLA RIB, BUT ONE MAN CALLED OUT, "TAKE OFF THE FAKE HAIR, MISTER, WE KNOW YOU AIN'T NO LADY!"...

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THERE WERE THOSE WHO BELIEVED THAT EVEN GOMPEL'S OWN ATTORNEY WAS CONVINCED OF HIS GUILT! INDEED, HIS EFFORT ON BEHALF OF HIS CLIENT DID SEEM HALF-HEARTED! THEN CAME TIME TO SUM UP FOR THE STATE OF NEW YORK...

WE HAVE PROVED BEYOND A DOUBT THAT THERE WAS A MRS. GOMPEL! THE DEFENDANT APPARENTLY BELIEVED THAT IF HE MERELY GOT RID OF ELIZA GOMPEL'S BODY IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO PROSECUTE HIM! BUT THE LAW NEEDS ONLY THE CORPUS DELICTI—PROOF THAT THE VICTIM EXISTED AND HAS BY SOME MEANS BEEN DONE AWAY WITH!



YOU'VE SEEN EXHIBIT ONE—THE CLOTHING OF THIS MAN'S WIFE! NOW, WHOSE STORY WILL YOU BELIEVE—THAT OF A CONFESSED SWINDLER, A MAN WHOSE CONSTANT CONTRADICTIONS ON THE STAND HAVE THROWN THE LIE IN HIS FACE—OR THE HONEST TESTIMONY OF THOSE RELIABLE WITNESSES, WHO, AFTER ALL, HAVE NO REASON FOR WANTING TO SEE AN INNOCENT MAN DIE?



THE JURY WAS OUT ONLY TWENTY-SIX MINUTES! AND THEIR DECISION WAS WIDELY ACCLAIMED...

...WE FIND THE DEFENDANT GUILTY OF MURDER IN THE FIRST DEGREE!

OH, NO... NO!

GOOD! THE WORLD WILL BE WELL RID OF THE FIEND!



NO!...YOU'RE SENDING AN INNOCENT MAN TO THE CHAIR! I TELL YOU I WAS MY WIFE! I WAS ELIZA GOMPEL! DON'T YOU SEE? PLEASE! PLEASE! FOR OVER THIRTY YEARS I WAS ELIZA—YOU CAN'T HANG A MAN FOR THAT!

COME ON, GOMPEL! THE JIG'S UP! WHY DON'T YOU QUIT PRETENDING?



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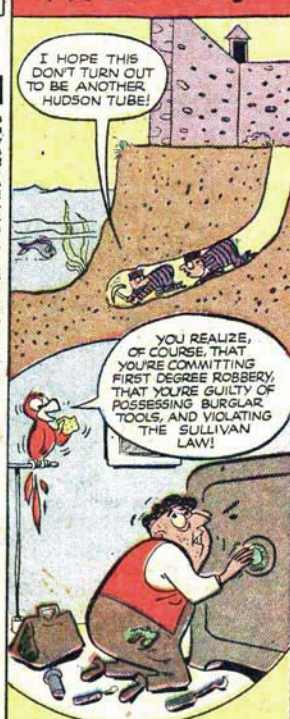
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SEE WHAT I MEAN? THESE TOBEY SLIPPING MORE DOUGH TO GRAFF! WONDER WHAT COCKS!



LOOK--THERE'S JIM TOBEY GOING OUT OF THE HOTEL AND THERE'S HIS WIFE, MARCIA, DUCKING ACROSS THE STREET SO SHE WON'T RUN INTO HIM!

DON'T BLAME HER! SHE HAD EVERY RIGHT TO LEAVE THAT GUY! AND SHE DESERVES ANY SUPPORT MONEY HE'S PAYING HER! JIM TOBEY NEVER DEALT STRAIGHT WITH ANYBODY IN HIS LIFE!



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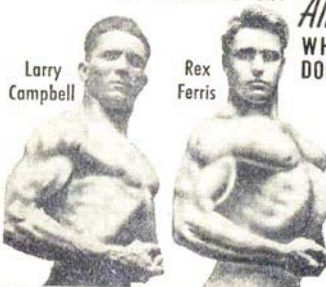
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